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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
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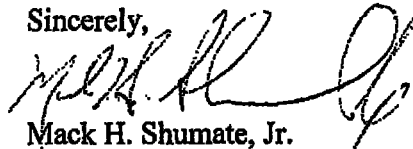
**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - In Carver and Scott  
Counties, Minnesota, (Chaska Industrial Lead); STB Docket No. AB-33  
(Sub-No. 255)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") has received a request from the Carver County Parks ("CCP") on behalf of the Carver County Regional Rail Authority and the Scott County Regional Rail Authority requesting an additional six (6) month extension of the reinstatement of the negotiation period for the issuance of an Interim Trail Use Condition for that portion of the Chaska Industrial Lead from Milepost 38.0 near Merriam to Milepost 33.0 in Chaska, in Scott and Carver Counties, Minnesota (the "Line").

The CCP's request for the extension of the Interim Trail Use Request is consistent with the Board's most recent decision in this matter. UP is willing to negotiate with CCP concerning the acquisition of the subject portions of the Line for trail use for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days commencing on November 1, 2010 and ending on April 30, 2011. A copy of CCP's request is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and hereby made a part hereof. As information, the real estate negotiations between UP and CCP are well underway.

Sincerely,



Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

**Attachment**

cc: Martin J. Walsh, Carver County Parks  
Mark Themig, Scott County Parks &  
Trails Community Development Division

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EXHIBIT A  
**Carver County Parks**

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December 10, 2010

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration  
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Subject: STB Docket AB-33 Sub-No 255  
▪ Request for six (6) month reinstatement of Interim Trail Use for Negotiations with Union Pacific Abandonment in Scott and Carver Counties, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Carver County Regional Rail Authority and the Scott County Regional Rail Authority to request reinstatement of a six (6) month extension of the trail use negotiation period to acquire the Union Pacific Chaska Industrial Lead from near Merriam, Minnesota at mile post 38 to end of line at mile post 33 in Chaska, Minnesota.

The Surface Transportation Board granted previous trail use negotiation periods and extensions, with the most recent period concluding on November 1, 2010. Unfortunately, we were unable complete a purchase agreement and close on the property during that time. The Regional Rail Authorities believe there is good cause for this request as we have renewed funding for the acquisition, and through communications Union Pacific is amenable to this request.

By my signature below, I hereby certify that I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with this document by United States mail. The \$450 filing fee has been submitted by credit card to Barbara Saddler in your office.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 952-466-5252, by email at [mwalsh@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:mwalsh@co.carver.mn.us), or in writing at the above address.

On behalf of the Regional Rail Authorities, thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Parks Director

cc: